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SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

1. BASED

ON WARD-QUINN CONVERSATION, AND LOCAL DISCUSSIONS
BEA AND PRAGOKONCERT, BELIEVE BEST SOLUTION WILL BE FOR
LAPO TO#LEAVE VIA VIENNA AIRPORT SATURDAY, DEC. 11,
FREIGHTER DEPARTING 0835, TRIDENT DEPARTING 1240.

2. PRAGOKONCERT ASSURER US IT CAN HAVE CUSTIOMS OFFICERS AT
BRATISLAVA CONCERT HALL AFTER DEC. 10 CONCERT FOR LOADING OF
TRUCKS WITH ORCHESTRA'S FREIGHT, WHICH CANSCHEN BE TAKEN
IMMEDIATELY TO VIENNA AIRPORT. WE ARE ALSO ASSURED OF
SMOOTH BORDER CROSSING, AND WILL ASK FOR MFA CONFIRMATION
OF THIS, PLUS AN ESCORT.

3. ORCHESTRA MEMBERS WOULD THEN GO BY BUS TO VIENNA DURING
MORNING OF DEC. 11 (APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR TRIP, PLUS TIME
FOR BORDER CLEARANCE WHICH WE HOPE TO EXPEDITE). PRAGOKONCERT
WILL HAVE CAR AND DRIVER FOR MEHTAS, FLEISHMAN.

4. LOGISTICS BACK ON THE TRACK NOW, BUT WE WILL
CONTINUE TO MONITOR DETAILS.

5. REVISED SCHEDULE NOW STANDS:

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6. DEC. 8: CHARTER FLIGHT SOFIA-PRAGUE; CONCERT PRAGUE'S
SMETANA HALL; 1930; COPLAND THIRD SYMPHONY, DVORSAK'S 7TH.

7. DEC. 9: FREE DAY

8. DEC. 10: MID-DAY FLIGHT TO BRATISLAVA; CONCERT
BRATISLAVA'S REDUITA HALL; 1930; SAME PROGRAM AS ABOVE.

9. DEC. 11: DEPARTURE FOR LONDON VIA VIENNA.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE ETA PRAGUE OF SOFIA CHARTER
DEC. 8.
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